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The TIMES: *A moral Deſcription.*

THE Effeminacy of our Manners, ſo often complained of by the Moraliſts of late Years, ſeems now to have riſen to the utmoſt Height of Extravagance. The State of Corruption and Degeneracy which Doctor Brown, in his Eſtimate of the Manners of the Times, foreſaw was to happen, has actually arrived; the liberal and manly Genius which diſtinguiſhed our Anceſtors appears entirely to have fled from this Country. The firſt and capital Article attended to by the Aſpirer after Faſhion is that of Dreſs, which, in all its Variety of Exceſs and Ridicule, is too low for ſerious Animadverſion; yet in this muſt every Man of Rank employ his Mornings, who pretends to keep "good Company." The wiſeſt, the moſt virtuous, the moſt polite, if defective in theſe exteriour and unmanly Delicacies, are avoided as low People, whom nobody knows, and with whom one is aſhamed to be ſeen.

How would he have been derided in the Days of Elizabeth, when a great Queen rode on Horſeback to St. Paul's, who ſhould have foretold that in leſs than two Centuries no Man of Faſhion would croſs the Street to Dinner without the effeminate Covering and Conveyance of a Coach or a Chair?

Yet, thus accoutred, the modern Man of Faſhion is conveyed to Company. Wherever he goes, he meets the ſame falſe Delicacy in all. Every Circumſtance of modern Uſe conſpires to ſoothe him into the Exceſs of Effeminacy; warm Carpets are ſpread under his Feet, warm Hangings ſurround him, Doors and Windows nicely jointed prevent the leaſt rude Encroachment of the external Air.

Vanity lends her Aid to this unmanly Delicacy: Splendid Furniture, a ſumptuous Sideboard, a long Train of Attendants, an elegant and coſtly Entertainment (for which Earth, Air, and Seas, are ranſacked) the moſt expenſive Wines of the Continent, the childiſh Vagaries of a whimſical Deſſert, theſe are the ſupreme Pride of the Maſter, and the Admiration or Envy of the Gueſts.

Luxury is not idle in her Province, but ſhares with her Siſter Vanity in the Labours of the Day. High Soups and Sauces, every Mode of foreign Cookery that can quicken Taſte and ſpur the lagging Appetite, is aſſiduouſly employed. The End of eating is not the allaying of natural Hunger, but the Gratification of ſordid and debaſing Appetite. Hence the moſt inflaming Foods, not thoſe which nouriſh, but thoſe which irritate, are adopted; while the cool and temperate Diets, that purify the Blood, are baniſhed to inferiour Tables.

In theſe faſhionable Meetings, no Point of Morals, or of Taſte in Arts or Literature, is ever canvaſſed. Theſe are long ſince expelled from every modiſh Aſſembly: To ſpeak any Thing that carries Weight and Importance is an Offence againſt good Breeding; the ſupreme Elegance is to trifle agreeably.

But as Inſipidity of Converſation is ſoon worn out, and as Intemperance in Wine is not of the Character of refined Luxury, ſo, to prevent the Stagnation of Folly, ſome awakening Amuſement is naturally ſought for. We read, in ancient Story, that in the moſt poliſhed Court of the moſt refined Period a Reward was proclaimed to him who ſhould invent a new Pleaſure. This may juſtly be ſtyled the laſt Effort of deſpairing Luxury. The grand Deſideratum is at length found: A Pleaſure which abſorbs the whole Man, a Pleaſure in which there is no Satiety, which cloys not by Uſe, but gains new Vigour from Enjoyment. The Vulgar only can need to be informed that the Pleaſure here alluded to is that of Gaming.

But as the preſent State of Splendour of Dreſs, Equipage, Furniture, and Entertainment, is enormouſly expenſive, what can ſo naturally create a Luſt of Gold as the vain Ambition of Equality or Superiority in this Syſtem of effeminate Show? Hence Rapacity attends Profuſion, until the Spirit of Avarice glides ſecretly into the Soul, and impels the Man of Faſhion to that Gaming as a Trade which he had before adopted as a Pleaſure.

Gaming becomes thus eſtabliſhed on the two great Pillars of Self Intereſt and Pleaſure, and on theſe Foundations ſeem to reſt the Midnight Riot and Diſſipation of modern Aſſemblies.

The Spirit of Gaming has even inſinuated itſelf into Trade, and Men who ſhould attend to Buſineſs are diſguſted with its Forms and with its ſlow Returns. They renounce Commerce for Speculation, and in their extravagant Haſte to get Wealth they loſe their Integrity, and heedleſsly plunge into all the Myſteries of the Alley. Hence, in a great Meaſure, are thoſe numerous Bankrupcies to be accounted for which of late have involved ſo many innocent Individuals in the Miſery of Diſtreſs, and which have been ſo injurious to Trade.

But though Gaming be now the capital Pleaſure, as well as Buſineſs, of moſt Men of Faſhion, and of all the Macaroni Merchants, yet other incidental Amuſements intervene at vacant Times. Let us therefore proceed to examine the other reigning Amuſements of the Age.

A Knowledge of Books, a Taſte in Arts, a Proficiency in Science, were formerly regarded as proper Qualifications in a Man of Faſhion. The Annals of our Country have tranſmitted the Names and Memory of Men as eminent in Learning and Taſte as in Rank and Fortune. It will not, however, be regarded as a Kind of Satire on the preſent Age to ſay, that, among the higher Ranks, this literary Spirit is generally vaniſhed. Reading is now ſunk at beſt into a Morning's Amuſement, until the important Hour of Dreſs comes on. Books are no lodger regarded as the Repoſitories of Taſte and Knowledge, but are rather laid Hold of as a gentle Relaxation from the tedious Round of Pleaſure.

But what Kind of Reading muſt that be which can attract or entertain the languid Morning Spirit of modern Effeminacy? Any, indeed, that can but prevent the inſupportable Toil of thinking, that may ſerve as a preparatory Whet of Indolence to the approaching Pleaſures of the Day.

As the Exceſs of Delicacy has deſtroyed our Force of Taſte, it has yet, notwithſtanding, it will be allowed, carried off that Groſſneſs of Obſcenity which was characteriſtick of leſs poliſhed Times; but what Vice has loſt in Coarſeneſs of Expreſſion ſhe has gained in a more eaſy and general Admittance. In ancient Days, bare and impudent Obſcenity, like a common Woman of the Town, was confined to Brothels; whereas the *double Entendre*, like a modern fine Lady, is now admitted into the beſt Company, while her tranſparent Covering of Words, like a thin faſhionable Gauze delicately thrown acroſs, diſcloſes, while it ſeems to veil, her Nakedneſs of Thought.

No Wonder if theſe leading Characters of falſe Delicacy influence our other Entertainments, and be attended with a low and unmanly Taſte in Muſick. That divine Art, capable of inſpiring every Thing that is great and excellent, of rouſing every nobler Paſſion of the Soul, is at length dwindled to an Eunuch's effeminate Trill. The chaſte and ſolomn Airs of Corelli, of Geminiani, the divine and lofty Flights of Caldara and Marcello, the elegant Simplicity of Bononcini, the manly, the pathetick, the aſtoniſhing Strains of Handel, are neglected and deſpiſed; while, inſtead of theſe, our Concerts and Operas are diſgraced with the loweſt Inſipidity of Compoſition and unmeaning Sing-Song. The Queſtion now concerns not the Expreſſion, the Grace, or Dignity, of the Muſick. We go not to admire the Compoſition, but the Tricks of the Performer.

Let us ſearch the Theatre for the Remains of manly Taſte. The Attractions of the Theatre ariſe from a Complication of Cauſes beyond thoſe of any other Entertainment, and it is much to be feared that while the judicious Critick admires original Excellencies the Crowd is drawn by ſecondary Circumſtances. Need we any other Proof of this than the Conduct of faſhionable Hearers, who ſit with the ſame Face of Admiration at Lear, an Opera, or a Pantomime?

It is not to be affirmed that every Individual has aſſumed the Garb and Character of falſe Delicacy and uncontrouled Self-Love: As in manly Ages ſome will be effeminate, ſo in effeminate Times the manly Character will be found; as in Times of Principle ſome will be void of Principle, ſo in Times when Principle is derided in ſome ſuperiour Minds Principle will be found. But, from the general Combination of Manners and Principles, in every Period of Time, will always reſult one ruling and predominant Character; as from a confuſed Multitude of different Voices reſults one general Murmur, and ſtrikes the diſtant Ear; or, from a Field covered with Flocks, Herds, or Armies, though various in themſelves, reſults one general and permanent Colour, and ſtrikes the diſtant Eye.

It appears then, from this ſhort Delineation, that Show and Pleaſure are the main Objects of Purſuit. As the general Habit of refined Indulgence is ſtrong, and the Habit of enduring is loſt, as the general Spirit of Religion, Honour, and publick Love, are weakened or vaniſhed, we may with Truth conclude that the ruling Character of the preſent Times is a vain, luxurious, and ſelfiſh Effeminacy. I am, Sir,

An Admirer of the Manners of the laſt Age.

The GOOD WIFE.

THE good Wife is one who, ever mindful of the ſolemn Contract which ſhe has entered into, is ſtrictly and conſcientiouſly virtuous, conſtant, and faithful to her Huſband; chaſte, pure, and unblemiſhed in every Thought, Word, and Deed. She is humble and modeſt from Reaſon and Conviction, ſubmiſſive from Choice, and obedient from Inclination. What ſhe acquires by Love and Tenderneſs ſhe preſerves by Prudence and Diſcretion; ſhe maketh it her Buſineſs to ſerve, and her Pleaſure to oblige, her Huſband, being conſcious that every Thing which promotes his Happineſs muſt in the End contribute to her own. Her Tenderneſs relieves his Cares, her Affection ſoftens his Diſtreſs; her good Humour and Complaiſance leſſen and ſubdue his Afflictions. "She opened her Mouth (as Solomon ſays) with Wiſdom, and in her Tongue is the Law of Kindneſs. She looked well to the Ways of her Houſe, and ſhe eateth not the Bread of Idleneſs. Her Children riſe up, and call her bleſſed; her Huſband alſo, and he praiſeth her." Laſtly, as a good and pious Chriſtian, ſhe looketh up with an Eye of Gratitude to the great Diſpenſer and Diſpoſer of all Things, to the Huſband of the Widow, and Father of the Fatherleſs, entreating his divine Favour and Aſſiſtance in this and every other moral Duty, well ſatisfied that if ſhe duly and punctually diſcharges her ſeveral Offices in this Life ſhe ſhall be rewarded for it afterwards.

The moſt generally important Qualification in a good Wife is Sweetneſs of Temper. Formed to obey a Being ſo imperfect as Man, ſhe ought to learn betimes even to ſuffer Injuſtice, and bear it without Complaint. It is not for his Sake, but for her own, that ſhe ſhould be of a mild Diſpoſition. The Perverſeneſs and ill Nature of Women only ſerve to aggravate their own Misfortunes, and the Miſconduct of their Huſbands; they might plainly perceive that theſe are not the Arms by which they gain the Superiority. Heaven did not beſtow on them the Powers of Inſinuation and Perſuaſion to make them perverſe and moroſe; it did not conſtitute them feeble to make them imperious; it did not give them ſo ſoft and agreeable a Voice to vent Abuſe, nor Features ſo delicate and lovely to be diſfigured with Anger. When they give Way therefore to Rage, they forget themſelves; for, though they may have often Reaſon to complain, they are always in the wrong to ſcold. Each Sex ſhould preſerve its peculiar Tone and Manner; a meek Huſband may make a Wife impertinent; but Mildneſs of Diſpoſition on the Woman's Side will always bring a Man back to Reaſon at laſt, if he be not a Brute, and will ſooner or later triumph over him.

The GOOD HUSBAND.

THE good Huſband is one who wedded not by Intereſt but by Choice, is conſtant as well from Inclination as from Principle. He treats his Wife with Delicacy as a Woman, with Tenderneſs as a Friend; he attributes her Folly to her Weakneſs, her Imprudence to her Inadvertency, and he therefore paſſes them over with good Nature and pardons them with Indulgence. All his Care and Induſtry are employed for her Welfare, all his Strength and Power are exerted for her Support and Protection. He is the more anxious to preſerve his own Character and Reputation, becauſe her's is blended with it. Laſtly, the good Huſband is pious and religious, that he may animate her Faith by his Practice; and that, as they join to promote each other's Happineſs in this World, they may unite to enſure their Felicity in that which is to come.

A R E B U S.

WHAT Virtue is that moſt adorns the fair Sex?
And ſay by what Power the Magnet effects?
What is it denotes a great Man to be ſage?
And tell me the oppoſite State to old Age?
Whom is it we ought above all to admire?
The Dreſs of a Monarch in fulleſt Attire,
A Poet extoll'd for his Sweetneſs in Rhyme,
Another renown'd for Expreſſions ſublime,
The Name of a Queen which old England did bleſs,
The Bacchanal's Cuſtom betwixt every Taſte,
Take each Word's firſt Letter, you ſoon will explain
The Name of the FAIR ONE I ſo much adore.

DIOGENES's *loft Labour.*

TURNING over ſome old Manuſcripts a few Days ſince, I met with an odd Piece of Satire on the Manners of the then Times; and as it is more than two Hundred and twenty Years ſince it was written, I am apt to think it will be agreeable to the Generality of your Readers to learn from it, that, whatever our Grandfathers tell us, the World was not a Bit better then than it is at preſent.

The Author has diverted himſelf with the trite Story of Diogenes's looking for an honeſt Man with a Candle and Lanthorn in broad Daylight, and puts into his Mouth the following ſevere Satire on his Contemporaries.

Now fie upon this unprofitable Labour, fie upon ſeeking honeſt Men in a Place where Virtue is a Scandal and Honeſty out of Faſhion. May I never return to my Tub if I am not as weary as a Pack Horſe after a ten Days Journey, and all this to no Purpoſe too! Not a Street, a Square, a Lane, or an Alley, in this populous City, but I have ſearched it through; and, by my Honeſty, cannot meet a Man in it worth ſaying Goodmorrow to. Why what Neſt of Knaves are theſe! have they baniſhed all the honeſt Men out of the Place, or have they eaten them up, and become ſo fat upon their Carcaſes? Alas! poor Virtue! what haſt thou done to merit this general Contempt? Ay, there thou ſitteſt ſhivering in the Cold under the Prieſt's Window, who cannot find Houſe Room for thee. Why, how now? What is it that thou ſhrinkeſt from the Sight of?

O! yonder I ſee walks Bribery, in the Figure of an honeſt ſubſtantial Citizen. Ay marry, pray make him one of your Common Council. O ho! I ſee your Company now: There goes cloſe at his Heels Extortion; pull off your Hats to him, Friends. Ay, well done; he is one of the beſt of the Pariſh, and has ſerved all Offices, and never did Good in any. A moſt abominable rich Fellow, beſide too. Three or four old, ruſty, Gold-getting Widows, have crowned him with the precious Mammon, and it is dearer to him than his own Soul; nay, if he had five Thouſand Souls, he would ſell them all for Half of five Thouſand Pounds.

But ſee! who is this dingle-dangle Figure of Gallantry that capers in next? O! it is Monſieur Prodigality and his Whore, going to recreate themſelves together in Covent Garden. Yonder goes the old Bawd in a Coach before, to draw the Curtains. O! they will all meet together by and by, to make Work for the Surgeon.

Ha! I do not often laugh, Neighbours, but I muſt needs be merry now. Do you ſee yonder Aſs there? Why, he is capariſoned for all the World like Cæſar's Horſe; ſuch a Feather on his empty Head, and ſtrutting with the ſame ſtately Pace! Would you believe it, I knew his Father well: He was a moſt grave Senator in Reſpect to his Beard, and piled up Gold even as they do Stockfiſh in Iceland; and now the Son, this precious two Halves of a Fool, is ſpending it faſter than he got it. But how? Ay marry, ſtay let me Snuff my Candle, and I will look in his Face and tell you: O juſt like Seignior Scatter Guinea, he has divided it into five Parts. There's an Economiſt for you! there's the firſt for Gaming, the ſecond for Drinking, the third for Whoring, the fourth for Pride; and he has ſo managed it in the dividing them, that the fifth, which is for Neceſſaries, is ſo ſmall that it cannot laſt him a Twelvemonth. Walk along, Knave, ſtarve and die in a Workhouſe!

Oh! but who have we now comes crawling with the Palſy in his Limbs, an old Thread-bare Coat, and a long String of Items in his Hand. Stay, Sby, Light! let me view him again; O, I know the Slave now, it is Uſury. What a meagre lank Knave it is! and yet he devours his Dozen Bodies a Day. Why, what does he, pray, as he goes along, his Mouth goes ſo faſt? No, no, he is chewing the Cud upon his laſt Extortion. I warrant his Teeth have not Half ſo much Employment at his Dinner, though his Guts grumble for it.

How now, what is the Matter behind me? As I live, this drunken Knave had almoſt puſhed me down. Look how his Cloak hangs! on one Side it is down to his Ankles, and at the other up to his Elbow; his Steps meaſure the Longitude and Latitude of the Place. Hark, how he ſwears; ay, that's all his Landlady will get for the Reckoning, though he is as great a Cuſtomer as ever took up ſodden Water and Treacle, with Cloſe Credit on a Poſt. Get thee away, Raſcal, die in a Ditch, or rot in an Hoſpital; one of the two I am ſure will be thy Deſtiny.

But ſee! who is this ſtrutting and knocking down every One that takes the Wall of him? O! I know him now: It is Ambition; he is a great Man with the King now, his Voice is heard at Court. Ay, ay, and I remember when his Father's Voice was heard in the City; but he chooſes to forget that now. Many a Time have I heard the honeſt old Fellow cry Brooms, an honeſt plain Man that dealt by Exchange, and traded largely by that Means in old Shoes too. O! I remember to have heard him read this Youngſter an excellent Leſſon in his proper Calling, even unto a Broom. Sirrah, ſaid he, here are Twigs to correct you now, here is a Cudgel in this Broomſtick to belabour you with afterwards; and here, here is the End of your Pilgrimage, here is a Wyth, that will ſave the Expence of a Halter. And the old Man told Truth I warrant you, for I ſee he is coming to it apace; he will climb to Greatneſs though the Rope be up a Ladder, and he will break his Neck by the Way in jumping down.

O! here is another precious Fellow for you now! here is Ancient Bluſter. What a Figure he makes! how he bullies thoſe poor Fellows there! and yet, I warrant you, old as I am, I could take his Sword out of his Hand with my Staff. He is all Sound and Breath, all Noiſe and Puff: He will tell you he loves fighting better than eating, and that he fought ſix Captains at once and conquered them; yet I ſaw him the other Day going to the Juſtice, to ſwear the Peace againſt a Link Boy, who had broke his Head with his own Dagger.

All! but here comes Conſcience. Let me get into the Kennel, that he may not by a Joſtle hurl me from the Wall. This precious Knave has had a poor Fellow now ſix Years in Priſon, for ſaying to his Dog, as he was devouring his Children's Dinner, come out, thou Cuckold's Cur; ſaid not, if the Dog could ſpeak, he would ſwear he was not called out of his Name. Well, Heaven be praiſed; he is no Neighbour of mine, I had rather live next Door to a Bear than to ſuch a two-legged Savage. Fare thee ill, Knave, go and be hanged; and when thou art upon that glorious Work, pray take all theſe Fellows with thee.

O! ſweet Mr. Hypocriſy, are you abroad ſo early? An ill Day to you, with all my Heart. This is the Fellow that told me, upon his Conſcience, my Gown was a good Bargain, when it was not worth a Groat; but I cry him Mercy too, he was not perjured, for I will be Witneſs for him he ſwore by that which never had any Being. He hates Oaths as much as I do, but he does not hate lying, I am ſure, to my Coſt: He will over-reach you in your Bargain, even if it be by the Help of bad Weight and Meaſure; and then, ſtroaking his Beard, will ſigh and tell you there is no Conſcience in the World now a Days, and then make his own Actions bear Witneſs of it.

But, how now! whither goes all this Hurly-burly? O, your Servant, Maſter Buff, I wiſh you a good Journey; I ſee where you are going. They are carrying him to Jail for a laſt Night's Riot; he has beat the Watch, cut the Conſtable on the Face, broke the Waiter's Head, and ſo forth and ſo forth. Search his Pockets: O! I could have told you as much, falſe Dice and Picklocks. An ingenious Fellow this, he will earn his Living out of bare Bones. O the Induſtry of the young Men of this Time! This is a Bully too, Gentlemen; he threatens Blood and Wounds, Sword and Piſtol, and yet I have ſeen him run to a Surgeon for a bloody Noſe. He ſcorns to wear one Suit of Clothes a Week; to-day he is in Sath, to-morrow in Sackcloth.

But who have we next, pray, with his wry Mouth and grinning Countenance? O! it is Detraction; a Halter ſtretch his Neck. Have not the Crows picked out his Eyes yet? See, ſee, how he grins at yonder plain dreſſed decent Woman, becauſe ſhe has not all the Frippery of my Lady Faſhionable, that goes before her. Why, thou ſcurvy Knave, is Decency become ridiculous then? Look to thyſelf, thou haſt nothing but what is hateful in thee, and yet thou wilt ſpit thy Venom at every Thing that is great and good in others. Fie on it, fie on it, what a World is this! when a Fool ſhall laugh at a Philoſopher, a Dolt, an Idiot, one that has as much Wit in his Toes as his Brains, ſhall deride Morality and Wiſdom. The ſcurvy Companion paſſed by my Tub yeſterday, and aſked me why I did not make it a Taphouſe. Marry, quoth I, becauſe I want a Fool for a Sign to bring in Cuſtomers; prithee make thyſelf uſeful, and let me hang thee up for that Purpoſe.

But, ſtay! what wretched Fiend is here? As I live, Jealouſy; ay, Saffron coloured, as if he had the yellow Jaundice. His Wife now is honeſt as a Cherubim; yet ſhe palſey Maſtineſs, becauſe he runs to Bawdy-houſes himſelf, thinks her Courteſies and theirs are all alike, free to every Man. He watches her Steps wherever ſhe goes, and is ſo confident of his own Cuckoldom that he will lay Wagers he buffets a mad Bull with his larger Horns. The Haberdaſher cannot make him a Hat wide enough, he tells you; and the Barber breaks the Edges of all his Razors in ſhaving his Temples. He believes there is not an honeſt Woman in the City, becauſe he converſes with none but Whores. He has Whores of all Complexions, Whores of all Sizes, and Whores of all Diſeaſes, and ſhall ſcarce ſhun rot of a Complication of them all.

Well, his turn to cap! I meet nothing like what I am ſearching for. Hold! I will ſnuff my Candle, and croſs the Street, however, before I go. Well, who means me here! What, had this Place never a Knave to encounter my firſt Sight with but Diſcord? Out, Villain, out! thou art he that ſets Kings, Princes, Friends, and Brothers, together by the Ears, and ſounds War and Defiance throughout the World. You are wronged, quoth he, Honour will not let you put it up. This is the Raſcal that made me fall out with my Brother, call him proud Fellow, and trample upon his Bed becauſe it was a little better than mine. In all his Lifetime, and I will aſſure you it is an old, gray, lean, dry, rotten boned Villain, he never put on a cheerful Face but at Miſchief; he would rather bite his Tongue through than bid any one Goodmorrow! So now he is got into his Element, quarrelling in the Midſt of a Mob of Fiſh Wives and Baſket Women. Off goes one's Cap, down trundles another's Load of Apples and Oranges, and there lies a third dying her green Waiſtcoat black in a Kennel.

O! Mr. Pickpurſe, are you among them too? Nay, nay, a Mob had been without its firſt Miniſter had not you been there. Ay, ay, thruſt in among them, the Mob thickens, Cuſtomers come in apace; make privy Search without a Conſtable, and keep all you find to buy a Suit of Sables to wear at the Gallows, for there you muſt come preſently. I will ſtay no longer with you; a Halter catch you all.

Now, fie upon thee, ſlovenly Knave, when didſt thou waſh thy Face? Here is Sloth right in his Kind; the Periwig that he wears by Day, when he lies down, becomes his Night Cap, and his Half-tattered ſleeveleſs Waiſtcoat, I warrant, is ten Thouſand ſtrong. Garter thy Hoſe, Beaſt, for Shame; or will the Pox bear no tying? This Fellow, I remember, coming once to a Fig Tree, was too lazy to gather the Fruit; but lying down under it on his Back, drop into my ſtarved Jaws, quoth he, I beſeech you! This is he that riſes late, and goes to Bed early; up to eat, and then down to Sleep again. Rather than he would endure Half an Hour's Labour, he would ſubmit to an Hour's hanging. I know no Uſe he is of but to keep the City Bread from moulding, and the Suburb Ale from growing ſour. This is he, that, lying on his Back in a Cart Way, deſired the Carman to drive ſoftly over him, for he could not get up yet.

Hey, hey, nay, now we ſhall never have done? Why, what is here? All Hell broke looſe? Who is this firſt? O! Deriſion. Doſt laugh at my Lanthorn, Knave, at my burning Candle by Day? Why, Villain, it is to ſeek ſuch as thou wilt never be; honeſt Men, Sirrah! Who are thy Companions, Knave? O! I ſee now Violence, Ingratitude, and Oppreſſion. To Hell with you altogether. The firſt of you would plunder his Father; the next, if you do him a Thouſand good Turns in a Day, will not give you a Thouſand Part of a good Word in a Year for them; and the laſt frights me from the Society of all he converſes with. What a Day's Work have I made here! What a Set of Characters have I met with in this populous City! May ye live long together! I cannot wiſh you a greater Curſe; no Torment I can pray for can be ſo great as you are to one another. I will leave you to yourſelves for ever, and roll my moveable Habitation to the Deſert; where I ſhall find Lions leſs cruel, and Serpents leſs venemous, than Men to one another.

ON MEN OF BUSINESS.

AMONG the many vulgar Errours I ſhould wiſh to expoſe, this is perhaps the one of the moſt Conſequence in Life, as it has often been a conſiderable Diſadvantage to it, that Men of Wit, or Parts, are incapable of Buſineſs, as if Blockheads could be fit for any Thing but to chronicle ſmall Beer.

This is one Reaſon why Men of this Character generally decline the Application, for they have heard the Maxim ſo often repeated that they begin at laſt to think it true themſelves, which alſo gives them a mean Idea of the Nature of Buſineſs itſelf; and another Cauſe is, that, from a miſtaken Notion of it too, they imagine it to lie quite out of the Road to Pleaſure, the natural Purſuit of Perſons of Wit or Spirit.

To obviate the firſt Objection, do but recollect yourſelf (for I am not at Leiſure) of thoſe few Men of Senſe or Genius, who, either from the Neceſſity of their Fortunes, the Ambition of their Minds, or the very rare diſtinguiſhing Favour of Princes, have been occaſionally led into Buſineſs of any Kind, and obſerve with how much better Addreſs in themſelves, and more Satisfaction to others, they have acquitted themſelves of the Charge, than any of thoſe plodding Fellows have ever done who are characteriſed Men of Buſineſs.

The Aſs keeps dodging on the common Road; and after many falſe Steps, and Circumvolutions, arrives late and wearied to its Stall; while the Eagle, ſoaring above the Level of the World, with a quick Eye aims at his Airy, and, ſtriking the ſhorteſt Line between two Points, reaches it with more Deſpatch and leſs Fatigue.

That Buſineſs lies out of the Road to Pleaſure is a ſecond vulgar Errour alſo. All Pleaſure is not merely ſenſual. The *nitidæ ordo* is the moſt agreeable Object to a rational Mind, and *ex fumo dare lucem* the moſt flattering Idea to a benevolent Heart. What intimate Satisfaction then muſt it afford us to reſcue our own, or other People's Affairs, out of the Diſorder and Confuſion they may have been thrown into by puzzled Dullneſs, communicating the Chaos of its own Brain to every Thing it takes in Hand?

Employment is as neceſſary to Pleaſure as Exerciſe is to Health. If we have none by Profeſſion or Office, we ſhould contrive ſome Sort or other for ourſelves, if we would preſerve or quicken our Reliſhes. We cannot ſpend all our Lives in Pleaſure, and the reſt of our Time is an Encumbrance on our Hands. We ſigh oftener from Idleneſs than Fatigue.

Long in Purſuit of Pleaſure, I found the bare footed-Goddeſs too fleet to be matched in Race by mortal Speed; when wearied with the Chaſe, and piqued at her Diſregard, I turned my Courſe about, and ſullenly betook myſelf to Buſineſs: While Pleaſure, moving ſtill in Circles, by facing quick the contrary Way, the coy Wanton, ere I was aware, ruſhed panting to my Arms.

Anecdote of VANDYKE, *the famous Painter.*

IT is ſaid that Vandyke's Mother was paſſionately fond of Embroidery; that ſhe excelled in it, and embroidered ſeveral hiſtorical Subjects with ſuch ſurpriſing Skill that they have been eſteemed Maſter Pieces by Proficients in that Art. Being deſirous to have her Son inſtructed in the firſt Rudiments of Grammar, ſhe began by ſending him to School to learn Reading and Writing. As he had Ink, Paper, and Pens at Command, he amuſed himſelf more with drawing Figures, and other ſlight Sketches, than with making Letters. One Day his Maſter having threatened to whip one of his Schoolfellows, Vandyke poſitively aſſured him that he need not fear his Maſter's Threats, as he would take Care to prevent his receiving the threatened Correction. How ſo? replied his Schoolfellow. I will paint, replied Vandyke, a Face on your Poſteriors; which he did with ſuch Skill, that, when the Maſter drew up the Curtain, he laughed ſo immoderately that he forgave the Culprit.

ST. JOHN's (Antigua) *November* 11.

Extract of a Letter from St. Vincent's, *October* 30.

WE were this Morning alarmed by a conſtant Firing, occaſioned by a Party of Charibs attacking a Party of eighteen Men of the thirty firſt Regiment, under the Command of Captain Craſton, who had been left behind ſick; they killed ſeven Men and a Serjeant, and wounded three. Craſton's Party, however, ſoon put them to Flight, and found five of their Carcaſes in the Woods, alſo ſeveral Fuſees, Haverſacks, Handkerchiefs, &c. thrown away in their Precipitation.

"We are informed that the Charibs ſhot a Sentinel as he was bathing in the River Niambou, and that a Serjeant who was poſted at the Head of a Detachment at ſome little Diſtance from the Camp was murdered in an inhuman Manner by the Savages; they cut of his Noſe and right Arm and ſcooped out both his Eyes."

By a Veſſel which left St. Vincent's laſt Wedneſday, we learn that Nothing very material had happened between the Troops and Charibs; nor had the Loſs on either Side been very conſiderable in Killed and Wounded, but the Sick were numerous. The Troops were at laſt permitted to croſs the River Niambou, and take Poſſeſſion of the Enemy's Intrenchments on the other Side; a well thrown Shell opened a free Paſſage in one Place, and at another, where they hoped to ſurround a Body of the Enemy, the Guide, miſtaking the intended Route, led them againſt a Precipice, which gave the Enemy Time to get away, and that upon this Occaſion it appeared the Charibs did not know how to defend themſelves againſt Regulars. That the Charibs have other Intrenchments farther on, in the Quarter of Grand Sable; but the Troops only wiſh they would make ſuch a Work as they could truſt themſelves in to be attacked. That Numbers of the Charibs are already gone to St. Lucia and the other French Iſlands, and others daily going, to wait (as it is ſuppoſed) the Retreat of the Troops from St. Vincent's, and then return to their own Country.

That the Inhabitants are not apprehenſive the Regulars would find it difficult to force their Way over all the acceſſible Part of the Charibs Country; but at the ſame Time it is a Doubt whether this would promote the Object of the preſent Enterpriſe, or, on the contrary, involve that unhappy Iſland in ſtill farther Calamity. That there ſeems to be no Want of Freedom in cenſuring the General's Conduct, out of his Preſence; but that ſome few others have more Charity for a Gentleman lately come to this Part of the World, not acquainted with all the Circumſtances of an Affair which had its Riſe four Years ago, upon whom is put the Execution of an Enterpriſe he did not plan; an Enterpriſe, in its Origin, ſo concerted, that it cannot be ſaid either a vigorous or inactive Conduct can procure what may properly be called Succeſs. That the Inhabitants of St. Vincent's are ſtill obliged to continue upon Guard on the Frontiers of the Settlements; that their prime Negroes form a conſiderable Body, which attend the Regulars, and behave well; that the Negroes in general have hitherto continued to ſhow a Fidelity and Attachment to their Maſters beyond all paſt Experience and Example in other Iſlands; yet the Diſtraction in Affairs, and the Effect on the Credit of that Iſland in Great Britain, may be eaſily conceived; in ſhort, it is hard to ſay whether the Charibs or the Inhabitants ſuffer moſt. That whatever may be the Event of the preſent Proceedings, it is expected that hereafter the Conduct of the Servants of the Crown, reſpecting the Charibs, for four Years paſt, will be the Subject of parliamentary Inquiry; when, it may be hoped, the good Faith and Honour of the Royal Word, pledged under the great Seal of Great Britain, will be reſcued from the Apprehenſions of ſuch Britiſh Subjects as have not intereſted Views to ſerve, and to the Satisfaction of other Nations.

The Lady of Major Dundas, and the Commander of one of his Majeſty's Ships, died lately at St. Vincent's.

We hear two Sloops are caſt away at Bermuda, one from Georgia, loaded with Timber, the other from Bermuda, with Building Stone, and a large Quantity of Ducks and Onions, both bound for Antigua. That both Cargoes are loſt, but no Lives.

BASSETERRE (*in* St. Kitt's) *November* 18.

SINCE the above Account, by a Veſſel which arrived here on Monday Evening laſt, we are informed that nothing material had happened at St. Vincent's between the Regulars and Charibs; that all the Men of War had ſailed with a Train of Artillery and the Marines to the Indian Coaſt, in Order to effectually blockade them, ſo that in a few Days we expect to hear of the Enemy's ſurrendering or being conquered.

BOSTON, *December* 17.

WE hear that a Commiſſion came by the Cruiſer, under the Great Seal, appointing and authoriſing Joſeph Wanton, Eſquire, Governour of Rhode Iſland, Daniel Horſmanden, Eſquire, Chief Juſtice of New York, Frederick Smith, Eſquire, Chief Juſtice of the Jerſies, Peter Oliver, Eſquire, Chief Juſtice of this Province, and Robert Auchmuty, Eſquire, Judge of the Admiralty, to make Inquiry into the Affair of burning his Majeſty's Schooner Gaſpee; and that Admiral Montagu is ordered to hoiſt his Flag in Newport Harbour. As Governour Wanton is firſt named in the Commiſſion, it is ſuppoſed he will notify the Time for holding the Court.

If the burning the Gaſpee Schooner was a Matter of ſerious Importance, much more ſo are the Methods purſued by the Britiſh Adminiſtration in Conſequence of it. This Affair was tranſacted within the Body of a County, in a free Engliſh Government. One would think, therefore, it ſhould be the Subject of the Inquiry of the Grand Jury of Inqueſt for the ſame County; inſtead of which, we are told that five Gentlemen, four of whom are of ſuperiour Rank in different Colonies, the other indeed a Judge of the Admiralty, are appointed by Commiſſion to make the Inquiry. By a Gentleman lately from Rhode Iſland, we are informed that three of theſe Commiſſioners are empowered to act, at whoſe Call the Army and Navy are to attend; that any Perſons accuſed, againſt whom the Commiſſioners ſhall judge that there is Evidence ſufficient to convict them, are to be apprehended, and, together with the Evidences, ſent to England for Trial; and that Captain Keeler, of the Mercury, has notified Governour Wanton, in Conſequence of Orders, that his Ship is ready to receive ſuch Perſons for the Purpoſe aforeſaid. Draper tells us, that "Admiral Montagu is ordered to hoiſt his Flag in Newport Harbour." The Purport of this Parade is obvious to common Senſe. The Admiral will, no Doubt, acquit himſelf to the Satisfaction of his Maſters upon this Occaſion. It is ſaid that he has recommended that thoſe who, *it is ſuppoſed*, can give Evidence of this Matter, and refuſe to do it, be put on Board the Men of War, and there kept until they do; which, perhaps, may be rather more eligible of the two than the Torture of the Rack. The Indignity offered to all the Colonies, and particularly Rhode Iſland, ſays a Gentleman of a neighbouring Town, in a Letter to a Friend in this, is not to be equalled. To have a Set of Crown Officers commiſſioned by the Miniſtry, and ſupported by Ships and Troops, to inquire into Offences againſt the Crown, inſtead of the ordinary and conſtitutional Method of a Grand Jury, carries an Implication that the People of that Colony are all ſo deeply tinctured with rebellious Principles as that they are not to be truſted by the Crown. The Inhabitants of this Town and Province can feel for their Brethren of Rhode Iſland, having themſelves taſted of the Cup of miniſterial Vengeance; when to aid and protect the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, in carrying into Execution a Revenue Act of the Britiſh Parliament, Hillſborough's Troops were ſtationed in this Capital, and the City turned into a Garriſon. And though theſe Troops, after ſlaughtering ſome of our innocent Inhabitants, were *obliged* to retire from the Town, they are yet poſted in the principal Fortreſs and Key of the Province. What ſhall hinder the like Scene of Blood, Rapine, and Slaughter, in the Capital of Rhode Iſland, if the Commiſſioners of Inquiry there ſhould ſo readily call for the military Aid as the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms did here? Such Treatment of the Colonies calls for the moſt ſerious Attention; and however profane it may be called by Mr. Draper's Writer, the Yeoman, or his canting Neighbour, we have Reaſon, with firm Affiance in HIM who hateth Oppreſſion and Tyranny, devoutly to exclaim, *How long! O* LORD! *How long!*

PROVIDENCE, *December* 19.

BY the Cruiſer Sloop of War, Captain Howe, arrived at New York, from England, his Honour the Governour has received Deſpatches from the Earl of Dartmouth, Secretary of State for the American Department, relative to the Gaſpee armed Schooner, deſtroyed ſome Time ſince, and the very extraordinary Meaſures adopted by Government for inquiring into the Matter and puniſhing the Offenders. For this Purpoſe, we are told, Commiſſioners are to ſit at Newport, and examine ſuch Perſons as Admiral Montagu ſhall direct to be apprehended. Theſe devoted Perſons, it is farther ſaid, are to be tranſported to England, where they are to be tried for High Treaſon. The Admiral, with a Number of Ships and Tenders, is to be at Newport; and the Commiſſioners are directed to apply to General Gage for Troops, if they ſhall think them neceſſary.

In this Situation of Affairs, every Friend to our violated Conſtitution cannot but be greatly alarmed. The Idea of ſeizing a Number of Perſons, under the Points of Bayonets, and tranſporting them three Thouſand Miles for Trial, where, whether guilty or innocent, they muſt unavoidably fall Victims alike to Revenge or Prejudice, is ſhocking to Humanity, repugnant to every Dictate of Reaſon, Liberty and Juſtice, and in which Americans and Freemen ought never to acquieſce.

NEWPORT, *December* 21.

WE hear a Letter to our Governour, from Admiral Montagu, was read at the General Aſſembly, held at Providence laſt Week. In which Letter the Admiral, we are told, requeſts his Honour the Governour that Captain Keeler, of his Majeſty's Ship Mercury, now in this Harbour, might be permitted to come on Shore without being inſulted, and protected from Arreſts, &c. Now it is certain that Captain Keeler has often been aſhore in this Town, and other Parts of the Colony, and we never heard of his having received the leaſt imaginary Inſult; but as for his being protected from Arreſts, we are humbly of Opinion that neither Captain Keeler nor his Excellency, or Admiral Montagu himſelf, has any more Right of Protection from Arreſts than any other the leaſt or pooreſt of his Majeſty's Subjects. For the Truth of which Opinion we are not afraid to appeal to the People of Great Britain, though we do not chooſe to be tranſported thither for Trial.

Query, Whether Captain Keeler will publickly declare that one ſingle Attempt was ever made to inſult him in this Town?

Laſt Evening arrived the Lizard Frigat, and this Morning an armed Schooner, both from Boſton.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in Boſton *to his Friend in this Town.*

"I here incloſe you an Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in England to another in Boſton, in Confirmation of the Truth of which the Admiral received a Packet, by an Expreſs which arrived here on Thurſday Evening laſt, ordering the Ships to your Harbour. In Conſequence of which Orders the Ships are now getting ready as faſt as poſſible; they were kept to Work all Day yeſterday, and commanded to be ready to ſail on Tueſday Afternoon, or Wedneſday Morning at fartheſt.

"The Admiral is in very high Spirits upon the Occaſion, and cheerfully undertakes an Expedition which promiſes to gratify his Rancour againſt your Colony. It is to be hoped, from his avowed Diſpoſition towards our Rhode Iſland Brethren, that he will meet with a proper Reception among them. I have juſt received Information which you may depend upon; the High Commiſſion Court eſpecially appointed with novel, unconſtitutional, and exorbitant Powers, for the Trial of the Perſons concerned in burning the Schooner, are forthwith to repair to Rhode Iſland for that Purpoſe, and are to be accompanied with his High Mightineſs the Admiral.

"The Regiment at Caſtle William, a Regiment from New York, and a third Regiment, are immediately to march for Rhode Iſland; and unleſs

you exhibit a *quantum ſufficit* of paſſive Obedience and Non-reſiſtance, the ſame Tragedy may be acted in Newport and Providence which makes the 5th of March ſo memorable at Boſton."

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman of Character in England *to his Friend in* Boſton.

"Our Tyrants in Adminiſtration are greatly exaſperated with the late Manœuvre of the brave Rhode Iſlanders. As a Regard to the Rights of the Subject, and the Principles of Juſtice, never marked the Meaſures of the preſent wretched Conductors of the Wheels of Government, you will not be alarmed when I tell you that they have determined to vacate the Charter of that Colony. To effect this Purpoſe, which, in their own Apprehenſion, will be attended with ſome Difficulty, Admiral Montagu is ordered, with the ſmall Craft that are with him, to line the Harbour of Rhode Iſland, with poſitive Orders to apprehend the Perſons concerned in the Enterpriſe above mentioned. Awed by the formidable Appearance of this hectoring Commander, and his gallant Squadron, theſe bitter Pills are to be crammed down their Throats; but the Friends of true Britiſh Freedom are not without Hopes that the Stomachs of that heroick Colony will reject the Doſe prepared for them. Be united, our dear ſuffering Brethren, be ſteady, and Succeſs awaits you; Freedom, glorious Freedom, will be the Purchaſe. We believe that the ancient Britiſh Spirit of Independence, which once bleſſed this Iſland, has improved by Tranſplantation, and preſerves its Vigour in the Breaſts of Americans. Cheriſh it, my dear Friends, and by relieving yourſelves ſave the ſmall Remnant of the Virtuous in Britain."

PHILADELPHIA, *January* 4.

BY a Gentleman arrived in Captain Cunningham from Antigua, we are informed that a Veſſel arrived there two Days before he ſailed, from St. Vincent's, and gives the following Account: That on the 20th of November, in landing the Troops, one Lieutenant and ſeventeen Men belonging to the ſeventieth Regiment were drowned, and they were afraid they would be obliged to run one of the Tranſports aſhore to ſupply the Troops with Proviſions, it being very ſcarce, and the Surf running ſo high the Boats could not venture off. That a Corporal and four Men were left Guard over ſome of the Charibs taken Priſoners; but they, not keeping ſo good a Lookout as they ought to have done, the Charibs murdered every one of them, and joined their Party again. The ſixth Regiment of Foot was arrived at St Vincent's, from England..

On the 11th of December ſailed from Antigua, for St. Vincent's, four Companies of the ſixty eighth Regiment, under the Command of Captain Stuart; they were relieved by the ſecond Battalion of the 60th Regiment, from New York.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 21.

WE hear that a Brig from Dublin, for Baltimore, with a Hundred and fifty indented Servants and Convicts on Board, is aſhore near the Mouth of York River; and that a Boat which went to their Aſſiſtance was ſeized by about thirty of the People, who went aſhore in her. Four Men and a Woman have been taken, who are lodged in York Jail; but it is thought that by this Time all the reſt have found Means to make their Eſcape from the Veſſel. The Captain of the Brig, and about ſeventeen of his People, died on the Paſſage; *probably, of the Jail Diſtemper.*

[*Marriages.*] Doctor WALTER JONES, of Richmond County, to Miſs ALICE FLOOD, of Weſtmoreland.

Mr. WILLIAM GOOSLEY, of York, to Miſs LUDWELL HARRISON, of Wakefield, in Surry.

Advertiſements.

WHEREAS I, Dougal M'Dougal, *Maſter of the Ship* Tayloe, *had indiſcreetly given Orders to the Mate to hoiſt a Pendant on Board the ſaid Ship, and he kept it flying, although ordered to ſtrike it by the Officers of his Majeſty's Ship* GLASGOW, *and alſo inſulted ſome of the Officers of the ſaid Ship, for which Offence I am very ſorry, being truly ſenſible that I was acting wrong, and I am juſtly liable to be proſecuted in the High Court of Admiralty for the ſaid Offence, but hope, on my making this publick Conceſſion to the Captain and Officers of his Majeſty's ſaid Ship, that a Proſecution will not be commenced againſt me.*

DOUGAL M'DOUGAL.

YORK Town, *January* 19, 1773.

MY HOUSES and LOTS in this Place, with the HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE, &c. will be ſold on the Premiſes, at publick Vendue, on *Monday* the 1ſt of *February* next. THOMAS LILLY.

WANTED,

A SOBER Man who is capable of teaching READING, WRITING, and CIPHERING. Such a One may be informed where he can meet with good Encouragement by applying at the Poſt Office, *Williamſburg.*

GEORGE LAFONG, Hair Cutter and Dreſſer, *Williamſburg*, returns his humble Thanks to ſuch Ladies and Gentlemen as have been pleaſed to honour him with their Commands, and begs Leave to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen in general that he has engaged a Man from *London* who dreſſes in the neweſt and moſt elegant Taſte. He likewiſe makes Head Dreſſes for Ladies, ſo natural as not to be diſtinguiſhed by the moſt curious Eye. All Ladies and Gentlemen who ſhall pleaſe to favour him with their Commands may depend upon being punctually attended, and will be waited upon at any Diſtance from Town, upon very reaſonable Terms, by giving timely Notice.

To be SOLD, *at* Hanover *Courthouſe, on the 4th of* February *next, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day,*

ABOUT twelve choice *Virginia* born SLAVES. Credit will be allowed the Purchaſers till the 1ſt of *May* next, on giving Bond and good Security. If the Money ariſing from the Sale is not paid on the Day it becomes due, Intereſt is to be paid from the Date of the Bond. (2‖)

To be SOLD, *purſuant to a Decree of* Hanover *Court, before Mr.* Thilman's *Door, on* Thurſday *the 4th of* February, *to ſatisfy a Debt due to ourſelves and Mr.* Patrick Coutts,

THE LAND whereon *William Gunter* now lives, in the ſaid County, containing two Hundred Acres, more or leſs, with a Dwellinghouſe, Kitchen, and other convenient Houſes thereon, and a good Apple and Peach Orchard. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, and Bond, with good Security, required. HOGG & ROWLAND.

COMMITTED to *York* Priſon, on the 8th Inſtant *(January)* a Negro Man named JACK, who ſays he belongs to Captain *Robert Walker* of *Charles City*; he is five Feet ſix or ſeven Inches high, has a Lump over his left Eye, which he keeps Half ſhut, and has the Letters R W branded on his left Cheek; his Clothing is a blue Halfthick, with white Metal Buttons, Oſnabrug Shirt and Trouſers, and an old Pair of Cotton Breeches. The Owner is deſired to prove his Property, and pay Charges to

WILLIAM MITCHELL.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from the Subſcriber, near the *Mount* Church, in *Caroline* County, about the 15th of *December*, a bay HORSE about fourteen Hands high, twelve Years old, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, a ſmall Star in his Forehead, paces a little, trots hard, draws well in any Draught, and his Brand, if he has any, is very dull. Whoever brings him to me, or gives me ſuch Inteligence that I may get him again, or contrives him to *John Jeter*, near *Port Royal*, ſhall have fifteen Shillings Reward.

(2‖) EDMUND JETER.

TO BE SOLD,

THE HOUSES and LOT adjoining me, wherein I formerly lived; for which twelve Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaſer, on giving approved Security to WILLIAM PASTEUR.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 21, 1773.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, in *King William*, a middle aged Convict Servant Woman named MARY DAVIS, ſtout made, with a ſwarthy Complexion, much pitted with the Smallpox, has black Hair, always talks as if ſhe had a bad Cold, and it is ſuppoſed will change her Name; ſhe had on a dark Camlet Gown, a black Hat, and a red Silk Handkerchief about her Neck. It is probable ſhe will make towards *Rappahannock*, as ſhe was often inquiring whether many Veſſels lay there. I will give TWENTY SHILLINGS Reward to any Perſon that will ſecure her ſo that I may get her again.

JOHN CATLETT.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from the Subſcriber, in *Caroline* County, about the firſt of *November* laſt, a light bay HORSE about four Feet eight or nine Inches high, ſix Years old, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, not branded, both hind Feet white, and no other Part of him, paces altogether, and appears as if he had one Stone, but both have been cut out. Whoever brings him to me, or gives me Intelligence ſo that I may get him, ſhall have FIVE DOLLARS Reward, and FIVE POUNDS if the Thief be ſecured.

(2‖) JAMES FLETCHER.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 20, 1773.

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, about the 4th or 5th Inſtant, two Horſes, one of them a large Bay, with a Bob Tail and roached Mane, a natural Pacer, branded on the Buttock B, and is about ten or twelve Years old; the other is a young bay Horſe, four Years old this Spring, branded on the left Buttock B, and has a hanging Mane and Switch Tail. I will give TEN POUNDS on Conviction of the Thief, provided he is hanged, or TEN SHILLINGS for each Horſe if brought to me. BENJAMIN BUCKTROUT.

TAKEN up, in *Dinwiddie*, two HOGS, a Barrow and a ſpayed Sow; the Barrow is marked with a Swallow Fork in each Ear, and a Nick in the left; the Sow with a Swallow Fork in each Ear. Poſted, and appraiſed to thirty Shillings.

(‖) THOMAS BARRETT.

TAKEN up, in *James City*, a white Boar Shoat marked with a Crop in the left and an Underkeel in the right Ear. Poſted, and appraiſed to twenty five Shillings. JOSEPH TURNER.

TAKEN up, in *Charlotte*, a STEER with a white Face, ſome White on his Back and under his Belly, his Sides brindled, marked with a Crop in each Ear, and a Slit in the left, and appears to be three Years old laſt Spring. Poſted, and appraiſed to fifty Shillings.

(‖) MACK GOODE.

KING WILLIAM, *January* 7, 1773.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of *Henry Guthrey*, deceaſed, are required to make immediate Payment; and thoſe who have any Claims againſt it are deſired to make them known directly, as we propoſe making up our Account of Adminiſtration in a ſhort Time. ALEXANDER WHITE, } Adminiſtrators.
ARCHIBALD GOVAN, }

NORFOLK, *January* 5, 1773.

WHEREAS the Partnerſhip of *Bolden, Lawrence*, and Company, expired the 1ſt of this Inſtant, this is therefore to requeſt all Perſons who are indebted to them to pay off their Accounts immediately, or ſettle their Balances by Bonds; and thoſe to whom they are indebted may apply to us and receive Payment. The Buſineſs of the Houſe will be continued, and carried on to its uſual Extent, by (3) JOHN LAWRENCE, & Co.

VERINA, HENRICO County, *January* 9, 1773.

THERE is on this Plantation a new Negro Woman who was taken up about the 10th of *November* laſt, and had on a blue Waiſtcoat, a white Plains Petticoat, Oſnabrug Shift, and a *Dutch* Blanket wrapped round her. I cannot underſtand from her where ſhe came from, or who is her Maſter. The Owner may have her on proving his Property, and paying Charges to

(2‖) STERLING THORNTON.

THE Subſcriber will ſell, on reaſonable Terms, his LAND and HOUSES whereon he now lives, known by the Name of HOOD's, in *Prince George*, on *James* River. As to its Situation, it is hardly worth While to ſay any Thing about it, though it is looked upon to be the moſt pleaſant Place, and has the fineſt View, of any Seat on *James* River. I have juſt now finiſhed a Houſe upon it, in the beſt Manner, thirty three Feet by thirty, with two large Rooms and a large Paſſage below, and three Rooms above; there is alſo a Garden lately paled in with good Cypreſs Pales, with all neceſſary Outhouſes, a very good Storehouſe, ſundry Lumber Houſes, and a Set of very good Tobacco Warehouſes. I think, with very little Trouble, there might be an Inſpection erected there again, as it is the general Cry of the People for it; and as the Place is very well ſituated for carrying on both the Inland and *Weſt India* Trade, any Perſon, with a pretty good Capital, may carry them on to a very great Extent. Whoever is inclinable to purchaſe may know the Terms by applying to Mr. *William M'Whann*, Merchant in *Blandford*, or to the Subſcriber, on the Premiſes.

(Tf) DAVID SCOTT.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 14, 1773.

THE Subſcriber begs Leave to inform the Publick, and his Friends in particular, that he is quite recovered from his late Illneſs, and removed to the Houſe wherein the late Doctor *Blair* lived, where he performs all Operations upon the Teeth, Gums, and Sockets; eradicates the Scurvy, be it ever ſo bad; tranſplants natural Teeth from one Perſon to another, which will be as firm in the Jaw as if they originally grew there, without any Ligament; and makes and fixes artificial Teeth, from a ſingle Tooth to a complete Set.

JOHN BAKER.

N. B. His infallible Specifick, called DENTIFRICE, is quite free from any corroſive Preparation; it braces up and ſtrengthens the Fibres, occaſioning them to grow firm and cloſe to the Teeth, and takes off all diſagreeable Smells from the Teeth, which generally ariſe from ſcorbutick Gums and bad Teeth.

This Dentifrice will prevent a farther Defluxion, and put a Stop to other Diſorders of the Teeth and Gums, and will both correct and change the Nature of the ſharp ſcorbutick Salts and promote the due Circulation of the Fluids. It concocts the vitiated Juices, and renders a juvenile Fragrance to the Breath beyond Deſcription. It alſo makes the Saliva pure and balſamick, and may be had, with proper Directions, at his Houſe. Each Pot is ſealed up with his Coat of Arms, to prevent Fraud.

AS the Weather prevented the Sale of the Negroes that were advertiſed to be ſold laſt Court Day, belonging to the Eſtate of the late Mr. *James Weſtwood*, this is to inform the Publick that there will be ſold ſeveral *Virginia* born SLAVES, for ready Money, on *Thurſday* the 28th Inſtant *(January)* at the Courthouſe in the Town of *Hampton*, being Court Day.

(2‖) ELIZABETH WESTWOOD, Executrix.

NORTH CAROLINA, *January* 1, 1773.

THE Subſcriber will be in the Neighbourhood of *Saliſbury* during the Months of *March, April*, and *May* next, in Order to treat with ſuch Gentlemen as may be inclined to purchaſe any of his Lands in this Province. What are now in his Hands are the Choice of ſeveral large Surveys, run as far back as the Year 1739, and are laid off in ſeveral Hundred Tracts, from two Hundred to a Thouſand Acres. The Soil is remarkably ſuited to the Culture of Wheat and Tobacco, and is generally allowed to be equal in Goodneſs to any upon the Continent. The Time of Payment will be allowed as may be agreed on and the Lands may be viewed, and farther Particulars known, by applying to *Benjamin M'Culloch*, Eſquire, of *Halifax* County, *William Johnſon* and *Michael Holt*, Eſquires, of *Orange* County, *John Kimborough*, Eſquire, of *Guildford* County, *Thomas Frohock*, Eſquire, of *Rowan* County, *Thomas Polk*, Eſquire, of *Mecklenburg* County, and *Felix Kenny*, Eſquire, of *Duplin* County. HENRY E. M'CULLOCH.

FOR SALE,

At the POST OFFICE *in* WILLIAMSBURG,

DOCTOR KEYSER's PILLS, ſo famous for the Cure of a *certain Diſtemper*, as well as of the *Rheumatiſm*.

Doctor HILL's celebrated Balſam of Honey, for *Coughs* and *Conſumptions, Aſthmas, Hoarſeneſs*, and all *phyſicky Complaints*.

PECTORAL LOZENGES of L'OUIRELLE, for *Colds, Coughs, Catarrhs*, and *Shortneſs of Breath*; and a ſure Remedy for the *Hooping Cough* in Children, to whom they are particularly adapted, from their agreeable Taſte and Flavour.—Alſo TURKEY RHUBARB, and ſundry PATENT MEDICINES.

PETERSBURG, *January* 7, 1773.

SOME Time ago Mr. *John Aſhton* adverтiſed ſome Negroes for Sale, as Part of the Eſtate of *Mr. John Monro*, deceaſed, ſince which I am informed a conſiderable Number of them belongs to the Eſtate of Colonel *Andrew Monro*, deceaſed. This is to give Notice to all Perſons that the whole Eſtate of the ſaid *Andrew Monro*, conſiſting of ſeveral Tracts of Land, forty Negroes, and their Increaſe, Stocks of Cattle, *&c.* are mortgaged to Sir *Lyonel Lyde* of *London*, for a very conſiderable Sum, which is recorded in the General Court; and as no Purchaſer can have a Right to any Part of the mortgaged Effects until this Debt is diſcharged, I have taken this Method to inform the Publick that no Perſon may be deceived in making a Purchaſe of any Part of the ſaid mortgaged Effects. RICHARD HANSON,

(6) Attorney for Sir *Lyonel Lyde*.

*** All Perſons indebted to Sir *Lyonel Lyde*, and Company, are deſired to make immediate Payment; and as great Indulgence has been given, Suits will be brought againſt all thoſe who do not diſcharge their Accounts at the next *April* General Court.

DUMFRIES, *January* 4, 1773.

AS I intend for *London* the enſuing Summer, all Perſons who have had any Dealings with me, at the Store of *Ruſſell* and *Lee* in *Dumfries*, are deſired to come and ſettle their reſpective Accounts on or before the 1ſt of *April* next. It is alſo requeſted that thoſe who are indebted to the ſaid Concern will make immediate Payment, or give Bond with approved Security. Any Perſon or Perſons having Claims againſt the ſaid Concern are deſired to bring them in, that they may be diſcharged. PHILIP RICHARD FRANCIS LEE.

N. B. I have on Hand about two Thouſand Pounds Coſt of GOODS, well aſſorted, and ſuitable to the different Seaſons; which I will ſell on the moſt reaſonable Terms, by Wholeſale or Retail, for ready Caſh, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco. (4)

DUMFRIES, *January* 4, 1773.

CAPTAIN *John Johnſtoun*, of the *Lord Camden*, being loſt in his Paſſage to *London* in 1770, with all his Books and Papers, by that Accident his Executors know not of whom to demand Payment of his Debts, and therefore requeſt all Gentlemen indebted to him that they will be pleaſed to make the ſame known to Mr. *Joſeph Lane* of *Weſtmoreland*, or to the Subſcriber, who is impowered to receive his Debts. (4) WILLIAM CARR.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 14, 1773.

THE Subſcriber ſtill continues to keep the TAVERN near the College, and flatters himſelf, as his Houſe is well accommodated for the Reception of all Gentlemen who may be inclined to encourage him, that he has it in his Power to give the utmoſt Satisfaction. He is greatly obliged to thoſe who have hitherto countenanced him, and hopes to merit a Continuance of their Favours.

CUTHBERT HUBBARD.

N. B. I have a very good BILLIARD TABLE which I will diſpoſe of on reaſonable Terms.

*** A CHAIR HARNESS was left in my Stable by ſome Perſon unknown, which the Owner may have on proving his Property.

CHESTERFIELD, *January* 7, 1773.

THOSE who purchaſed Negroes at the Sale of the Honourable *William Byrd* at *Rocky Ridge*, in *December* laſt, are requeſted to make immediate Payment. I ſhall attend the Meeting of the Merchants in *Williamſburg* on the 25th Inſtant, to receive the above Debts, and will put in Suit all Bonds that are not then diſcharged, without Reſpect to Perſons. DAVID PATTESON.

YORK Town, *January* 13, 1773.

I HAVE a Veſſel that will ſail in ten Days for *Madira*. Any Gentlemen on *York* River, or convenient to *York* Town, that intend ordering Wines from thence, I ſhould be much obliged to them for their Letters. (2) WILLIAM REYNOLDS.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,

A JOURNEYMAN SADDLER who underſtands his Buſineſs. Such a One will meet with good Encouragement by applying to me, in *Hanover* Town. (2‖) GABRIEL MADISON.

To be RENTED *for one Year, or more, and may be entered on immediately,*

THE Plantation on *Rappahannock* called LAYTON's, with the FERRY, and all the LOTS unſold in the Town of *Beaufort*. The Land contains about a Hundred and fifty Acres, and on one Square of the Lots are all neceſſary Houſes in good Repair for an Ordinary and Store. It is pleaſantly ſituated on the River, near *Leeds* Town, and is well adapted for a Man in Buſineſs. Any Perſon inclinable may know the Terms by applying to the Subſcriber, near the Premiſes.

(2‖) JOHN RICHARDSON.

TO BE SOLD,

THAT valuable Tract of LAND called *MOCOCK's ISLAND*, lying within a Mile of the Mouth of *Chickahominy* River, one Mile from *James* River, a Quarter of a Mile from *Barret's* Ferry, and within ten of *Williamſburg*. It contains ſix Hundred Acres of the higheſt, drieſt, and richeſt Marſh in this Colony; and in its preſent State, during the Spring and Summer Months, it will afford Grazing for above a Thouſand Head of Cattle. In the Marſh are three Iſlands; the eaſtermoſt, or *Long* Iſland, contains about one Hundred and fifty Acres of rich high Land, has two Springs upon it, a Barn, two Negro Quarters, and an Overſeer's Houſe; a Quarter of a Mile diſtant is *Middle*, or *High* Iſland, containing about forty Acres; Half a Mile diſtant lies *Weſtermoſt* Iſland, containing three or four Acres; all of which are ſo ſituated that the Banking in the Marſh is rendered very eaſy. The eaſtern and northern Parts of theſe Iſlands are divided from the main Land by a Gut of the River, no more than thirty Yards broad, and the ſouthern and weſtern Parts are divided by the main Body of *Chickahominy*, about three Hundred Yards broad; up this River is Navigation for twenty Miles for Veſſels of four Thouſand Buſhels. The Branch dividing the Iſland from the main Land is eſteemed the beſt Fowling and Fiſhing in the Colony. Oppoſite *Long*, or *Great* Iſland, there are on the Continent upwards of a Hundred Acres of well timbered Land, belonging to this Plantation, pleaſantly ſituated, and overlooking the whole Iſland. This Part of the Plantation runs from the Branch acroſs the main Road leading from the Ferry to *Williamſburg*, about Half a Mile; ſo that it is not above nine Miles from Town. Common Tides cover no Part of the Marſh; Spring Tides, with a continued north eaſt Wind, cover the greateſt Part of it; but the beſt Criterion of the Tide's overflowing it is taken from the remarkable great Guſh in *September* 1769, which ſpread over great Part of *America*, and then there were only ſeven Inches Water in the ſaid Marſh. Any Perſon purchaſing this Iſland may have the Stocks and Utenſils upon reaſonable Terms.

Alſo to be ſold, by the Subſcriber, four Hundred Acres of LAND, more or leſs, an old Patent of Tobacco, Wheat, and Corn Land, on which is a Plantation ready for Cropping, lying within one Mile of *Weſtham*, and ſeven Miles from *Richmond* Town, is well timbered, and not one Fourth of it cut down. (6) PATRICK COUTTS.

RICHMOND Town, *January* 1, 1773.

HANOVER Town, *January* 20, 1773.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from the Subſcriber, a dark bay HORSE about four Feet ſix Inches high, branded on the near Buttock I S, one of his Legs at the Ham much larger than the other, and one of his Ears ſlit. Whoever brings him to me, or gives me ſuch Intelligence as I may get him again, ſhall have THREE POUNDS Reward. WILLIAM OVERTON.

POETS CORNER.

A DIALOGUE.

SAYS James to Joe, "and will you now, my Friend,
Your Days without a fair Companion end?
Is Nature quite excluded from your Breast?
Has the dull Stoick all your Soul poſſeſs'd?"
Thus he reply'd: "'Tis plain the Flame of Love
At firſt was kindled in the World above;
Wherefore, as Heaven the tender Paſſion gave,
Ere my Life cloſe a female Friend I'd have;
But with due Caution I would chooſe my Wife,
Since when the Knot is ty'd 'tis ty'd for Life.
Whether the Virgin was extremely fair,
Exact her Features, and genteel her Air,
Whether her Shape was exquiſitely fine,
Whether her Years were juſt the ſame as mine,
Should be my leaſt Concern: Beauty, 'tis true,
At firſt may dazzle the Spectator's View;
But ſoon the lovely Varniſh glides away,
Or grows unheeded if it chance to ſtay.
I would not once deſire that I might ſay,
I'm worth my Thouſands, on my Marriage Day;
This looks as if the ſhining Heaps of Pelf
Were what I married, and not her herſelf.
No, firſt I would examine if her Mind
To tread Religion's ſacred Paths inclin'd;
If this Companion to my Youth was given,
How would ſhe guide my erring Steps to Heaven?
Whether her Temper match'd with mine or not
Should be the next Thing that engag'd my Thought,
For I could never dream of real Bliſs
If ſhe dragg'd that Way and if I dragg'd this;
But if her Mind was moulded to my own,
Eaſy and ſmooth the Thread of Life would run;
And if ſevere Afflictions prov'd our Lot,
In mutual Comforts all would be forgot;
And the worſt Troubles that aſſail us here
Would loſe their Sting when Honey dwelt ſo near;
And as my Veſſel paſs'd the Sea of Life,
Bleſs'd with ſo pious and ſo fond a Wife,
Not one rude Breath of Wind ſhould ſtop my Way,
Nor one ſmall Wave diſturb the peaceful Sea."

Three Hundred Pounds Reward.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, in *St. Stephen*'s Pariſh, *South Caroliná*, about fifteen Months ſince, two Negro Fellows and a Wench, namely: WILL, GEORGE, and SYLVIA. *Will* is a Cooper and rough Carpenter, about twenty five Years of Age, five Feet eight Inches high, of a yelloviſh Complexion, ſlim made, a little knock-kneed, his Teeth filed, and has his Country Marks in his Face. *George* is about twenty Years of Age, five Feet five Inches high, of a dark Complexion, is very artful, and has been uſed to take Care of Horſes. *Sylvia* is a likely young Wench, about five Feet five Inches high, of a yelloviſh Complexion, her Teeth filed, and has attended in a Houſe. A Reward of ONE HUNDRED and FIFTY POUNDS Currency will be paid on Delivery of the above Negroes to the Warden of the Workhouſe, or at his Plantation in the aforeſaid Pariſh, near *Murray*'s Ferry, or in Proportion for one, if taken in the Province.

THOMAS WEST, an Overſeer, about twenty five Years of Age, five Feet ſeven Inches high, very ſlim, of a ſwarthy Complexion, who lived at the Subſcriber's Plantation about three Years, and juſt about the Time the ſaid three Negroes ran away left him, it is generally thought enticed them into *North Carolina*, *Virginia*, or *Maryland*, and may offer them for Sale. All Perſons are hereby cautioned not to purchaſe the ſaid Negroes; and if purchaſed by any Perſon, they are hereby required to deliver them to the Proprietor, or they may depend on being proſecuted to the utmoſt Rigour of the Law. A Reward of THREE HUNDRED POUNDS Currency will be paid on Delivery of the Negroes, or in Proportion if taken out of the Province; and a farther Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS will be given to whoever will give Information of their being carried out of the Province, or being harboured by a white Perſon, on Conviction of the Offender.

(12) JOHN GAILLARD.

ELIZABETH CITY, *January* 8, 1773.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, about the 20th of laſt Month, a likely well ſet Fellow about five Feet ſix Inches high, full faced, about twenty two Years of Age, and had on, when he went away, a Cotton Jacket and blue Breeches, which I expect he will change. He was taken up by one *Peter Froſt*, near *Norfolk*, and made his Eſcape from him, but has ſince been ſeen at *Portſmouth*. Whoever ſecures him in any Jail, or brings him to me, ſhall have FORTY SHILLINGS Reward, or FIVE POUNDS if taken out of the Colony. All Maſters of Veſſels are forewarned from carrying him out of the Colony.

(tf) WILLIAM LATIMER.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, on the 26th of *November* laſt, a Negro Man named CÆSAR, about five Feet eight or nine Inches high, a well ſet yellow Fellow, all his upper fore Teeth are out, and one below, ſtands wide in the Knees, ſpeaks hoarſe, run off from his Work in my Preſence, and has Nothing on but common Negro Clothes. He was formerly the Property of Colonel *Bernard Moore* of *King William*, and, as he has been ſeen ſundry Times in that County ſince he ran away, he may be lurking about ſome of Colonel *Moore*'s Quarters, or concealed by Acquaintances. Whoever brings him to me, near *Rocky Ridge*, in *Cheſterfield* County, ſhall have THREE POUNDS Reward. (2‖) YOUNG SHORTT.

AS I have obſerved, in the publick Prints, that the Forge, with the Lands thereunto belonging, lying in *King and Queen* County, and formerly the Property of Colonel *Bernard Moore* of *King William*, are offered for Sale by Meſſ. *Philip Edmondſon* and *John Baylor*, I think it incumbent upon me to notify to the Publick that the Premiſes ſtand charged to me on a Mortgage by Colonel *Bernard Moore*, to indemnify me from, or for the Payment of, a Hundred and ſeven Pounds Sterling, with Intereſt, and which Sum I am now engaged to diſcharge. (2‖) JOHN WEST.

COMMITTED to *Cumberland* County Jail, ſome Time ago, an outlandiſh Negro Man who cannot, or will not, tell his Maſter's Name; he is tall, ſpare made, with ſome of his Country Marks in his Face, and has been advertiſed within the ſaid County according to Law. The Owner is deſired to pay Charges, and take him away.

JOSEPH CARRINGTON, Jailer.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 5, 1773.

MR. *Patrick Henry*, Junior, of *Hanover*, having been obliging enough to undertake to finiſh all ſuch Cauſes of my Clients as remain undetermined in the General Court, I deſire that they will be pleaſed to correſpond with, and furniſh him with proper Inſtructions.

As Mr. *Henry* is at a Diſtance from this Place, I will very gladly do any Thing in my Power towards expediting the Suits, forwarding Subpœnas, &c. between this Time and the ſucceeding General Court, when I ſhall deliver all Papers into his Hands, unleſs directed to the contrary. In moſt of the Suits ſtill depending I have received a very inconſiderable Part of the Fees, and in many none at all; but if in any Caſe it ſhould be thought that more has been paid me than my Services deſerved, I ſhall be ready to refund it.

RO. C. NICHOLAS.

FREDERICKSBURG, *January* 1, 1773.

THE ſhort Notice of my Sale preventing the Attendance of Purchaſers, I propoſe ſelling the ſame Slaves at the ſame Place (*Fredericksburg*) on the 3d of *February*, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day. Credit will be allowed for one Half till the 1ſt Day of *May*, and for the other Half till the 1ſt of *November* next; the Purchaſers to get the Engagement of ſome Merchant to undertake for Payment at the Time appointed. The few that attended the former Sale can teſtify that they never ſaw ſo many young and likely Slaves at one Sale. As I ſell forty three, and twenty more are now appointed to be ſold on the ſame Day, and as I ſhall have a Dozen to hire out, it is ſuppoſed any Perſon that wants may ſuit himſelf. Thoſe that hire to give Bond and Security for the Payment of the Hire, and delivering up the Slaves at the Expiration of the Year. (4) JAMES MERCER.

KING & QUEEN, *January* 1, 1773.

I INTEND to leave the Colony immediately, for a few Months. I have for Sale a CHURCH ORGAN, which, for Elegance and Sweetneſs of Tone, is inferiour to none on the Continent. The whole Caſe is poliſhed Mohogany, the Pipes gilt, and the Imagery which adorns it ſtriking, and as large as the Life. The Price is two Hundred Pounds, which is vaſtly under the prime Coſt. The Payment will be made quite eaſy to the Purchaſer. It now ſtands in *Stratton Major* Church. Apply to *John Taylor Corbin*, Eſquire, or the Subſcriber.

WILLIAM DUNLAP.

HANOVER Town, *January* 1, 1773.

I HEREBY give Notice that againſt the 1ſt of *March* next the Buſineſs now under my Management will be put into the Hands of Mr. *John Davis*, who has full Power to ſettle and collect the Debts due to Meſſ. *Murdochs*, *Donalds*, and Company, contracted at the Stores kept at *Boſwell*'s by Mr. *William Donald*, and at this Place by me. As many People have hitherto put off the Settlement of their Accounts, they cannot expect longer Indulgence, unleſs their Debts are aſcertained; for which Purpoſe I will give conſtant Attendance here till the 1ſt of *March*, except the Time of the Merchants meeting in *Williamſburg*, and ſome of the adjoining County Court Days, which can be no Inconvenience to thoſe who come to ſettle, as Mr. *Davis*, who is thoroughly acquainted with the Buſineſs, will then attend. The Debts due to Meſſ. *Andrew Cochran*, *Robert Donald*, and Company, will be collected by Mr. *Richard Morris*, as formerly.

(8) JOHN JOHNSON.

IN Purſuance of a Decree of the County Court of *Spotſylvania* will be ſold, at *Concord* Forge, in ſaid County, on *Monday* the 25th of *January*, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day, the Tract of LAND whereon the ſaid Forge ſtands, containing nine Hundred Acres; alſo a Tract containing ſix Hundred Acres, about ſix Miles from the ſaid Forge, whereon *Thomas Poole* formerly lived, both Tracts having good Houſes on them; likewiſe twelve likely *Virginia* born SLAVES, together with all the HORSES, HOGS, HOUSE and KITCHEN-FURNITURE, belonging to the ſaid *Poole*, to ſatisfy a Debt to the Honourable *John Taylor*, Eſquire. Credit will be allowed the Purchaſers for the Slaves and Stocks until the 25th of *October* next, on giving Bond and Security; the Bonds to bear Intereſt from the Date if not punctually paid, and the Credit for the Lands will be agreed on at the Day of Sale, by the Subſcriber. ANTHONY THORNTON, Junior.

To be LET *on* CHARTER *to any Part of* EUROPE,

THE Brig ABBY, *Jonas Herbert* Maſter, Burthen from ſeven to eight Thouſand Buſhels of Grain, has made only two Voyages, not quite twelve Months off the Stocks, and is well fitted. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber, in *Norfolk*.

(Tf) JOHN GREENWOOD.

To be LET *on* CHARTER *to any Part of* EUROPE,

THE Brig MOLLY, *John Collins* Maſter, Burthen about ſeven Thouſand Buſhels of Grain, and eighteen Months old. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber, in *Norfolk*.

(Tf) JOHN GREENWOOD.

To be SOLD *to the higheſt Bidder, on the Premiſes, on* Wedneſday *the 27th Inſtant* (January) *purſuant to a Decree of* James City *Court*,

THE HOUSES and LOTS, near the Capitol, belonging to the Eſtate of *Chriſtopher Ayſcough*, deceaſed. Three Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaſer, on giving Bond, with approved Security, to

(‖) JOHN BROWN, Sheriff.

To be SOLD *to the higheſt Bidder, before Mr.* Benjamin Johnſton's *Door in* Fredericksburg, *on* Wedneſday *the 3d of* February *next, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day*,

ABOUT twenty likely *Virginia* born SLAVES, one Half the Money for which is to be paid down, and twelve Months Credit allowed for the other Half, giving Bond and good Security, bearing Intereſt from the Date, provided the Bonds are not diſcharged when they become due. At the ſame Time and Place will be ſold about four Hundred Acres of exceeding fine Tobacco and Grain LAND, at the *South Weſt* Mountains in *Orange*, about four Miles below the Courthouſe. The Terms for the LAND will be agreed on at the Day of Sale.

TREASURY OFFICE, *December* 16, 1772.

I CANNOT ſufficiently expreſs my Aſtoniſhment that ſo little Punctuality was obſerved by many Collectors of the Duties and Taxes, as well as others indebted to the Treaſury, in the Payments they ought to have made at the laſt General Court and the late Meeting of the Merchants. I know it has been inſinuated by ſome that I am inclined to be over rigorous, but let all ſuch conſider how very eſſential it is to the Honour of this great Country that the Credit of its publick Treaſury ſhould be effectually maintained, and let them inform me how I am to anſwer the Demands of the publick Creditors, and be prepared to exchange the Treaſury Notes, unleſs the Duties and Taxes impoſed for theſe Purpoſes are regularly collected and paid.

When I had the Honour of being firſt appointed to this Office it is very well known how Matters ſtood; many Collectors, largely indebted, were dead, and I found many innocent Securities unhappily involved in the greateſt Difficulties. Under theſe Circumſtances I judged it moſt adviſeable to reduce Things to Order by Degrees, having Regard to the ultimate Security of the Publick. By purſuing this Method I am convinced much has been ſaved, and flatter myſelf it will be found that very few, if any, Debts will be loſt which were not deſperate before I had any Thing to do with them. But Indulgencies of every Kind muſt now be at an End, and my Duty compels me to acquaint all concerned that I ſhall hold myſelf indiſpenſably obliged, without Reſpect of Perſons, to put the Laws into the ſtricteſt Execution againſt all ſuch as continue in Arrear after the 25th of *January* next, when another general Meeting of the Merchants is expected; and that I ſhall, in future, after the End of every General Court, think it neceſſary to publiſh an exact Liſt of every Defaulter. I deſire the ſeveral Clerks to ſend me the proper Liſts and Copies of the Collectors Bonds given from Time to Time, that I may be prepared to enforce a Performance of the Conditions of them. I muſt alſo requeſt the ſeveral High Sheriffs to make up their Accounts for their whole Counties at once; and, to avoid the Confuſion that may be introduced into the Office by the Remiſneſs of many Under Sheriffs, as well as other Collectors, I declare, once for all, that I will receive no partial Payments.

Finding that ſuch Part of the Fund as was expected to ariſe from Ordinary Licenſes is likely to be diminiſhed, and it having been repreſented to me that this is owing to many Ordinary Keepers failing to renew their Licenſes regularly, I muſt beg it as a Favour of the Gentlemen Deputy Attornies to give ſome Attention to this Buſineſs, and I will, on Demand, pay all Fees that may ariſe in ſuch Proſecutions as they may think neceſſary to engage in, where they cannot be had of the Delinquents.

(6) RO. C. NICHOLAS, Treaſurer.

To be LET *on* CHARTER *to any Part of* Europe,

THE Ship MERMAID, *Joſeph Towart* Maſter, Burthen about four Hundred Hogſheads. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber, in *Norfolk*. (Tf) JOHN GREENWOOD.

Who has for Sale a Quantity of ſmall SALT, imported in the ſaid Ship from *Liverpool*.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, on *Sunday* the 27th of *December*, an indented Servant Lad named JAMES PATTERSON, about five Feet eight Inches high, a well ſet Fellow, of a fair Complexion, ſhort brown Hair which curls very much, and had on, when he went away, a Buff coloured Jeans Coat, a blue Broadcloth Waiſtcoat, Buckſkin Breeches, an Oſnabrug Shirt, *Virginia* made Shoes, and a very good Hat, and took with him ſundry other Clothes. He ran away laſt *June*, changed his Name, and got on Board a Ship in Order to make his Eſcape out of the Country, which may probably be his Intention now. I hereby forewarn all Maſters or Owners of Veſſels from harbouring or carrying him out of the Colony, at their Peril. Whoever ſecures him ſo that I may get him again ſhall have FORTY SHILLINGS Reward, or THREE POUNDS if delivered to me in *Charles City*.

ALEXANDER GORDON.

For SALE, *in the Town of* NEWCASTLE,

A LARGE two Story DWELLINGHOUSE, with three commodious Rooms on a Floor, each with a Fireplace. It is exceedingly well calculated for a Tavern, and is pleaſantly ſituated near the River. The Terms may be known of the Subſcriber, near the Premiſes.

(Tf) W. JOHNSON.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, at *Peterſburg*, about the Middle of *September* laſt, a very likely Negro Man named PHILL, about twenty Years of Age, of a yellow Complexion, and about five Feet nine Inches high, proportionably made. He is a Native of *Africa*, but ſpeaks broken *Engliſh*, having been ſome Years in the *Weſt Indies*, and has loſt two Joints off two of his Fingers on his right Hand. Had on, when he went away, an Oſnaburg Shirt, an old *Virginia* Cloth Waiſtcoat, with a new Negro Cotton Jacket over it, and a Pair of old Check Trouſers. As he has been uſed to the Sea, he will probably endeavour to get on Board ſome Ship and make his Eſcape out of the Colony; all Maſters of Veſſels are therefore forewarned from harbouring or carrying him off, at their Peril.

I will give THREE POUNDS Reward to any Perſon who will deliver ſaid Slave to me, or to Mr. *Hugh M'Mekin* at *Portſmouth*, and FORTY SHILLINGS to ſecure him in any Jail, and give Notice thereof.

(tf) THOMAS GORDON.

For SALE,

FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE ACRES OF LAND, IN *HALIFAX* COUNTY, *NORTH CAROLINA*.

THE ſaid Land lies about ſix Miles above *Halifax* Town, is well wooded and watered, the Soil good for Corn, Wheat, &c. and affords as good Range, for Stock of all Kinds, as any Land in the County. There is a remarkable fine Apple Orchard on the Place, a good Dwelling-Houſe, and ſundry Outhouſes. For Terms apply to Mr. *William Hendrie*, who lives near the Premiſes, or to.

(10‖) JAMES AULD.

TWENTY POUNDS REWARD

FOR apprehending JOHN HUTCHINSON, who ran away laſt Night from the Subſcriber, in *Lancaſter*. He is a Blackſmith by Trade, a likely ſtout Man, about five Feet ten or eleven Inches high, wore his own ſhort dark Hair, and is a *Yorkſhireman*, which may be eaſily known by his Dialect, is much given to Drink, and in which he is apt to be very noiſy. He took with him a brown Durgy Coat lined with white Durant or Tammy; alſo a brown Water Dog with a white Face, which I expect is ſtill with him, as he was a great Favourite. A ſhort Time before he ran off he broke open the Houſe of Mr. *Anthony M'Rubee*, and ſtole about forty Pounds. The above Reward will be paid to any Perſon who delivers the ſaid Runaway and Caſh, or TEN POUNDS for him alone, and FIVE POUNDS to have him ſecured in any Jail within this Colony.

NOVEMBER 4, 1772. (Tf) THOMAS POLLARD.

A VENDUE,

For the SALE of MERCHANDISE, &c. is held by

JOHN HART,

In PHILADELPHIA, at the Corner of *South* and *Front* Streets.

*** Thoſe that pleaſe to favour him with their Cuſtom may depend on his beſt Endeavours to render ſatisfactory Sales. (12)

WARWICK, *October* 25, 1772.

AS the Store formerly kept by *Alexander Stewart* at *Rocky Ridge*, for *James* and *Robert Donald*, and Company, is now broke up, and the Debts put into my Hands to collect, all thoſe indebted for Dealings there, are deſired to pay off their Accounts immediately, or ſettle their Balances by Bond; and thoſe who have any Demands againſt the Store are deſired to apply to me for Payment.

(tf) PATRICK HUNTER.

*** Who has for Sale a TRACT of LAND lying on the Forks of *Roanoke*, in *Mecklenburg* County, containing about ſix Hundred Acres, on which is an exceeding good Dwelling-Houſe, Storehouſe, and other neceſſary Buildings, as alſo ſeveral valuable Improvements. As the Land lies within fifteen Miles of the Courthouſe, and eighty from *Peterſburg*, it would anſwer any Perſon very well who intends keeping a back Store.

WARWICK, *November* 1, 1772.

THE Subſcriber has for Sale about five Thouſand Acres of LAND lying in different Parts of *Pinſylvania* County, and moſtly upon *Smith*'s River, the Soil of which is well calculated either for making Tobacco or Hemp. The Terms may be known by applying to *John Rowland*, who lives near the Land, and will ſhow it to any Perſon inclining to purchaſe.

(tf) PATRICK HUNTER.

For SALE,

A VALUABLE TRACT of LAND lying on both Sides of *Hunting* Creek, in *Halifax* County, containing five Hundred Acres, the Soil of which is exceeding good for Tobacco and Corn. There is a ſmall Plantation cleared on the Land, which has been tended but a few Years, and two Tobacco Houſes, an Overſeer's Houſe, and Negro Quarter almoſt new. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe may apply to Colonel *Paul Carrington*, in *Charlotte*, who will ſhow the Land, and is fully empowered to diſpoſe of it. (tf)

To be SOLD,

FOURTEEN Hundred Acres of exceeding good TOBACCO LAND in *Stafford* County, on the Branches of *Aquia* and *Potowmack* Runs, extremely well timbered and watered, twelve Miles from *Falmouth*, and ten from *Aquia*. One Half the Land rents for thirty Pounds a Year; there is a ſmall Plantation on the other Part the Land, and a Mill near the Plantation, if not privately ſold, will be ſet up at twelve Hundred Pounds, on the 10th of *October* next. Alſo eleven Hundred Acres of Land on *Rocky* Run, in *Fauquier* County, the Rents of which amount to four Thouſand one Hundred and thirty Pounds of Tobacco; either in Lots, or altogether, as may ſuit the Purchaſers. An indiſputable Title will be made to the Land, by the Truſtees of *Charles Carter*. Tf

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